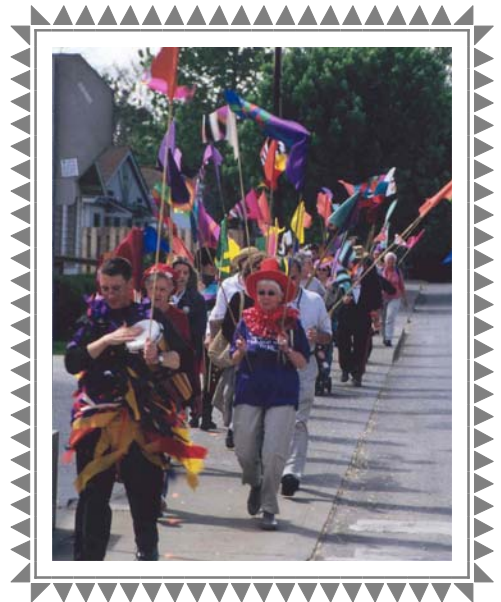




## "NEIGHBORHOOD SNAPSHOT"

An overview of 2006 upcoming Neighborhood grants and activities from the City of Bloomington



- ♦ February 20 - Small & Simple Grant applications are due.
- ♦ February 23 - Neighborhood Watch Workshop, 7p.m. at City of Bloomington Police Department.
- ♦ March 10 - Neighborhood Cleanup Grant applications are due.
- ♦ March 24 - Neighborhood Plan applications are due.
- ♦ April 24 - Small & Simple Grant applications are due.
- ♦ April 28 - Blooming Neighborhood Awards applications due.
- ♦ May 10 - Overview of Neighborhood Improvement Grant process, 6 p.m. in McCloskey Room of City Hall.
- ♦ June 3 - Blooming Neighborhoods Awards/Celebration at the Farmers' Market.
- ♦ June 19 - Small & Simple Grant applications are due.
- ♦ July 17 - Citizens' Academy Class registration ends. Register anytime online - [www.bloomington.in.gov/hand](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/hand)  
Go to [www.bloomington.in.gov/hand](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/hand) for further information on these programs and other neighborhood programs and services.

# Join the fun!

## 2006 Blooming Neighborhood Celebration



When: Saturday  
June 3, 2006

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Where: Farmers' Market

Held in the  
atrium in  
case of rain



**Blooming Neighborhood Awards/Celebration** is going on its sixth year in 2006! The Blooming Neighborhood Awards give the City of Bloomington the opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding work of neighborhood volunteers. Neighborhoods nominate their associations and members of their neighborhood who deserve recognition for the work they do. Neighborhoods host their own table with wonderful displays of their projects and programs. Participants state they enjoy the camaraderie of sharing and meeting with other neighborhood folks.

*This event is for all our neighborhood residents*, whether or not your neighborhood is participating in the **Blooming Neighborhood Awards**. This gives our neighborhood residents the opportunity to meet, learn and share their insights and activities with each other.

Now is the time to start planning for your neighborhoods' participation in the **Blooming Neighborhood Celebration**.

### Here is how you can get involved:

- 1) Apply for one of the three Blooming Neighborhood Awards. Each award winning neighborhood will receive \$100 for their Neighborhood Association.
  - ◆ Mayor's Excellence Award
  - ◆ City Council Neighborhood Enhancement Award
  - ◆ HAND Neighbor of the Year Award
- 2) Sign your neighborhood up for a display table. We will furnish a map and sign for your table. This is an excellent opportunity to let the community know you have an association and how to get involved.

### **Blooming Neighborhoods Timeline**

- ▶ **Friday, April 28** - Blooming Neighborhood Award applications due in HAND office by noon.
- ▶ **Saturday, June 3** - Blooming Neighborhood Awards presented 10 a.m. at the Farmers' Market.

For more information go to [www.bloomington.in.gov/hand](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/hand) or contact Vickie for more information at 349-3505 or [provinev@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:provinev@bloomington.in.gov).

# Neighborhood Plan Applications Now Being Accepted

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Mayor Mark Kruzan announced today that the City of Bloomington is accepting applications from neighborhood associations to develop the next neighborhood plan. The plans are developed as part of the City's Neighborhood Planning Initiative, a process by which the City works with Bloomington residents to envision the future of their neighborhoods.



"Neighborhood plans help build the future of this community and extend our efforts to draw families and individuals to Bloomington," Kruzan said. "They reveal, develop and enhance the unique character of each neighborhood. We look forward to collaborating with yet another neighborhood association to make our community an even better place to live."

The plans are developed to help neighborhoods eliminate issues that erode character, as well as enhance elements that improve the quality of life for current and future residents. This is accomplished through "hands-on" exercises performed by the neighborhood and City staff. Goals and action strategies are then developed that seek to build on existing strengths and address neighborhood concerns.

The winning applicant will be chosen based on the neighborhood's demonstration of its organization, community involvement and its understanding of current issues relevant to the neighborhood. The candidate neighborhood for this program will be chosen in early spring and will join the successes of previous neighborhoods – Prospect Hill (2005), Broadview (2003) and McDoel Gardens (2002) – that have completed neighborhood plans.

Josh Desmond, Assistant Planning Director, said, "We are looking forward to starting our next neighborhood plan. Our staff enjoys working with the community on these projects, and neighborhood participants have also found the process rewarding. This is a great opportunity for neighborhoods that want to play an active role in planning for their future."

Applications may be obtained from either the City Planning Department or the City Housing and Neighborhood Development Department. They are also available online at [www.bloomington.in.gov/planning/](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/planning/).

Applications must be received by the City Planning Department by March 24, 2006, at 3 p.m. to be considered eligible. For more information about neighborhood planning contact the Planning Department at (812) 349-3423, or visit [www.bloomington.in.gov/planning/](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/planning/).

# HOMEWARD BOUND

Indiana's 5K Walk to Provide Housing and Fight Homelessness

What: 2006 Homeward Bound Walk

When: Sunday, April 2, 2006

Where: Third Street Park, Bloomington IN

[www.homelesswalks.org](http://www.homelesswalks.org)



Homeward Bound is a statewide fundraising walk sponsored locally by area social service providers. Funds raised by this annual event stay in Bloomington to help people experiencing homelessness with shelter, food and other emergency assistance needs. 100 percent of funds raised stay in our community for the sponsoring 13 social service agencies.

## Neighborhoods, here is how you can contribute!

- 1) **Give a donation** or pledge to a walker.
- 2) **Walk** - Create your own team, join a team or go solo! You can sign up on the website.
- 3) **Volunteer** - You can donate your time to the event. You can sign up on the website.
- 4) **Adopt an intersection**—assist with traffic & cheer on runners as they pass through the neighborhood.

**Neighborhood volunteers needed for the walk!** The walk route goes through the Prospect Hill, Near West Side and Old Northeast neighborhoods. We need neighborhood volunteers to adopt intersections along the walk route to assist with traffic control and to cheer walkers (map on website).

If you happen to have a talent that you would like to share with people as they make their way through the neighborhoods - all the better!

**If you would like to volunteer or make a contribution contact Vickie at 349-3505 or [provinev@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:provinev@bloomington.in.gov)**



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